

MEN OF GENIUS NOT "SMART"

English Professor Declares They Are, In Fact, Extremely Slow to Grasp a Point.

Defining "smartness" as the capacity to adjust oneself rapidly to the immediate circumstances, Prof. T. H. Pear, University of Manchester, said at the Educational Association's annual conference at University college, that "a genius is usually anything but smart, and he distinguishes himself from the merely smart man, who lives up to the external demands, by refusing to accept the demands, by setting about them instead of allowing them to set about him."

"I believe that some geniuses might not achieve the topmost ranks in a good many mental tests, especially in those requiring rapid solution of problems. A genius never sees any complex problem in the same light as an ordinary person and in a mental test may appear to be stupid."

"Some brilliant scientists would make woefully bad hospital orderlies, district visitors or managers of a household. The reason is not that they cannot attend themselves to the situation."

Professor Pear divided people into two classes, the extroverts and the introverts. The extrovert won the V. C. The first class airplane fighter is a specimen of the healthy extrovert, but the mathematician who calculates the plane's stability is an equally healthy introvert.—London Daily Mail.

WILL FIGHT FOR BARGAINS

British Journal's Lament Shows That Women Are Women Though the Ocean May Divide.

A joke that blooms each January and July in the funny papers is the changed disposition of women in sale times. A good deal of it, of course, is just joke, and nothing else, but there is a certain layer of truth at the roots of it. One never does actually see shoppers hitting each other with umbrellas or stamping on the assistants, though on the opening day of the sales recently there were women with firm fingers jerking blouses away from limp, tentative fingers and elbowing through crowds in a manner that even a conductor would regret to see in a street car. Rich silk petticoats spilled off the counters on the dusty floor, and women tramped over them just as though they were clumps of buttercups. Little frail bits of lingerie were lugged at the seams in a way that was simply asking for trouble; flimsy blouses were tossed into crumpled heaps. It seemed scarcely possible that any of the goods displayed could survive the tumult and battle of this, the first day.—Manchester Guardian Weekly.

Sarcasm.
The first step in learning whether your child is properly nourished, we read, is to "weigh the child in kilograms." The kilograms are very light, we understand, but if absolute accuracy is required, you may weigh the child in them first, and then later take 'em off and weigh 'em separately. On second thought, we advise the separate weight in all cases, especially where the kilograms are winter weight.
Reading further, you multiply the result by ten, and then "divide the result by the child's sitting height in centimeters"—just everyday centimeters will do—"and take the cube root of the result, and you will have a figure that will tell you whether your child is properly nourished." Most any architect or engineer in the telephone book will be glad to call and find the cube root for you.—Kansas City Star.

Telephones Aid Forest Rangers.
The rangers who police our national forests now are using portable telephones as a result of special perfection and adaptations of this method of communication to timber country requirements.

Each ranger carries a portable telephone as part of his equipment. Wire service is maintained between the headquarters camp, field points and lookout stations.

Instead of the overhead telephone lines, the forest telephone wires hang loosely from trees 10 to 12 feet above the ground so that in case a tree falls on the line it merely will take up some of the slack and not break the wire.—Atlantic City (N. J.) Gazette.

Shoot Cable Over River.

Telephone and press communication with Portland and points as far north as Montana, cut off recently by the overflowing of the Santiam river, in central Oregon, was restored by shooting across the river a weight to which was attached a light wire.

A projectile gun was used, according to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. After ten attempts the wire was landed across a 300-foot gap and an emergency cable pulled across.

Too Much Cut Out.

"Your show can play in Plunkville if you cut out the objectionable features."

"Won't pay me."

"Nonsense. You can continue to charge \$2 per seat."

"Not for a ten-minute show."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Radium in Brazil.
A rich find of radium has been reported in the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil, according to a traveler who has just returned from South America. The radium is in the form of uraniferous oxide.

GOOD IDEA FOR ANY TOWN

Example Set by Newark Public Library Might Well be Copied by Other Communities.

Were you ever on the top of Pike's peak? It is about 14,500 feet up in the air, and some people, in spite of motors and cog railways, find the ascent difficult. The plateau on which the Tibetans live—it is ten times as big as England—is all of it as high or higher than Pike's peak, and the mountains around slope up to nearly 25,000 feet. Kipling, in "Kim," spoke of it as being like a swallow's nest under the eaves of the roof of the world—"Kim threw his soul after his eyes across the deep blue gulfs."

It is still a mysterious land, and until a few years ago almost an unknown one. The Newark (N. J.) public library has just held an exhibit of all sort of things Tibetan—things brought together through the happy conjunction of a missionary of unusual experiences and the museum staff—and this exhibit is supplemented with pamphlets and pictures tending to make it more understandable and interesting. This is a typical example of the work of the Newark library under its unusual chief, John Cotton Dana, says Leslie's. A few years ago there was a similar exhibit of Colombian things—Colombia being another interesting and inaccessible land.

Director Dana believes that a library should "sell" itself to business men and not restrict its activities to young lady readers of fiction, children and unoccupied old gentlemen. It should be a real constructive force in the everyday life of the community, and not a mere collection of books and a lounging place. The Newark library is pretty well known among librarians about the country, but the sort of work it does is not imitated as generally as it might well be.

ATTRACTED BY STRONG LIGHT

Myriads of Fish Helpless When Diving Bell Descended into the Depths of the Sea.

At Dover, England, there has been constructed a series of immense breakwaters in order to increase the size of the harbor. In the work a big diving bell was employed. When this machine was descending on one occasion the men seated around its sides saw in the glare of the electric light a strange sight.

The water beneath them suddenly became alive with thousands of silvery fish, which darted hither and thither in their efforts to escape the unexpected captivity. Some succeeded in diving under the edges of the bell, but as it descended nearer and nearer the bottom, the few inches of water remaining became thick with the fish.

When the bell rested on the bed of the sea the men captured nearly a thousand of the sprats. The fish were probably attracted by the electric light that is used in such a bell.

"Shoes at a Wedding."

The custom of throwing one or more old shoes after the bride or groom either when they go to church to be married or when they start on their wedding journey is so old the memory of man stretches not back to its beginning. Some think it represents an assault and is a lingering trace of the custom among savage nations of carrying away the bride, by violence; others think that it is a relic of the ancient law of exchange or purchase, and that it formerly implied the surrender by the parents of all dominion or authority over their daughter. It has reference to a Jewish custom mentioned in the Bible. Thus in Deuteronomy we read that when the brother of a dead man refused to marry his widow she asserted her independence of him by "loosing his shoe." It was also the custom of the middle ages to place the husband's shoe on the head of the nuptial couch in token of his domination.

Best Radiator Paint.

Large radiators in rooms of the home do not present a very attractive appearance unless they are properly decorated. For this purpose a paint should be used which will harmonize with the wall colorings, and one of the best paints obtainable for this purpose is the ordinary sanitary flat wall paint that is used upon walls. It has been found that these paints dry with a flat surface having a high heat transmission factor. For heating efficiency as well as for decoration, these paints are therefore to be recommended.

Reasonable Statement.

The creator of strange new beauty has a right to demand so much (attention) from anybody who undertakes to pronounce judgment. Is it too much to ask? I don't imagine, for example, that my own hair for strange new beauty is special and extraordinary, a thing that could not be cultivated by any lover of old familiar beauty who honestly desires to cultivate it. For beauty is ageless, eternal and one, recognizable under all differences of form.—Baltimore American.

Makes His Coats Last.

Frank S. Stone of Westboro, Mass., says the Boston Globe, has worn the same overcoat for 35 winters, and he says it is good for ten more. For better cold he has a heavier coat which has been in service for only 20 years. Stone says styles travel in a circle, returning on the average every five years, his 35-year-old coat having been in the height of fashion seven times.

HELP WAS URGENTLY NEEDED

Darkly Evidently Had Troubles of His Own With That "Possum" His Partner Shook Down.

Two negroes, Salvation Jones and King Agrippa Johnson, living near the Dismal swamp went 'possum hunting one dark night. A warm trail was struck, and the dogs soon "treed" Salvation, being the better climber, volunteered to go up and shake down the 'possum, whereupon King Agrippa made ready to catch it in the sack they took along for that purpose.

Instead of an opossum, the dogs had treed a wildcat. As Salvation made his way to the topmost branches the animal retreated still farther out on the overhanging limbs, and emitted an angry snarl.

"Huh? How's dat?" exclaimed Salvation. "Never heard no 'possum talk lak dat befo'!"

"Go on, Salvation. Yo' ain't heerd nothin' but de dogs. Shake him loose 'ee waltin'!" urged King Agrippa.

Climbing a little farther out, Salvation gave the limb a mighty shake and dislodged the wildcat. Suddenly a chorus of yells, howls, screeches and cuss words broke loose from below.

"Hey, dar, King Agrippa!" anxiously called down Salvation. "Yo' want me to come down an' help yo' hol' him?" "Naw, suh," yelled Agrippa. "Al' wants yo' tuh come down an' help me to'n him loose!"—Judge.

STRANGE MONSTER IN AFRICA

English Scientist Tells of Creature Which He Thinks May Have Been Giant Python.

F. O. Cornell, Fellow of the Royal Geographical society, who recently returned to England after spending twenty years in practically unknown parts of South Africa, is author of story about an unknown monster the had been seen near the Great falls of the Orange river. It has a huge head and a neck ten feet long like a bending tree. It seizes the native cattle and drags them under water. The native call it "Kyma," or the Great Thing. Last May Mr. Cornell, accompanied by two white companions, W. J. Brown and N. B. Way of Capetown and three Hottentots, went to the junction of the Oub and Orange rivers to see the monster if possible. He writes: "At the cries of the natives I saw something black, huge and sinuous swimming rapidly against the current in the swirling rapid. The monster kept its enormous body under water, but the neck was plainly visible. The monster may have been a very gigantic python, but if it was it was of an incredible size. This reptile may have lived for hundreds of years. Pythons approaching it in size have been said to have lived that long."

Last Feeling of Satisfaction.

Postmaster Chance told the Kiwanis club last week how he took an examination to get his first promotion in government service.

He entered as a messenger. One day he happened to look into a room and saw about thirty people bending over tables.

"What are they doing?" he asked. "They are taking an examination for promotion," he was told. "Don't you want to try?"

If they were trying to play a joke on M. O. Chance of Illinois he called their bluff.

He went in, took the examination and later was told that he was the only one promoted.

"I tell you, I felt pretty proud," declared Postmaster Chance, recalling the time, "until they told me that the others had taken the examination for promotion to \$1,000 and that I had been the only one to take the examination for promotion to \$1,000."—Washington Star.

Eddie Knew!

Eddie is a high school freshe. He is enthusiastic over sports and, with his father, has witnessed practically all of the wrestling matches held recently in Indianapolis. His teacher had urged the pupils to attend at least one of the Shakespearean plays scheduled at a local theater, and finally asked whether any of the pupils had ever seen Robert Mantell.

"Yes," put in Eddie without a moment's hesitation as he recalled the name of Al Mantell, a noted wrestler. "I saw him wrestle Jack Reynolds."

The sally was good for a big laugh at his expense.—Indianapolis News.

Stung But Rewarded.

Patrons of a Long Island telephone line complained of a buzzing on the wires and a trouble hunter was sent out to locate the difficulty. He located it and he did something else, for he found that a swarm of bees had made a hive in the connection box on a telephone pole. The trouble hunter worked for hours and finally routed the bees with a fire extinguisher. He was badly stung, but he was rewarded by ten pounds of honey stored in the connection box.

Takes City Directory's Place.

How the telephone book is displacing the directory is illustrated by complaints in Brooklyn, which has no city directory now, that it is hard to find the address of persons living there unless they have a telephone. Of course everybody of consequence ought to have telephone service now, but all of those who can't are of consequence to themselves, and many of them are of consequence to others. Moral: Live out in the country, where everybody knows you.—Boston Daily Globe.

Found Cure For Indigestion

"I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different medicines. I am nearly fifty one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to, writes George W. Emery, Rock Mills, Ala. These tablets contain no pepsin but strengthen the stomach and enable it to digest the food naturally."

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whiteside, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating light, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

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The Pneumonia Month

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